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The Basic Food Index has increased by 0.5% in the month of June, after a slight drop of -0.3% in May 2019. The current BFI index now is registered at 104.7 points.

Seven major food outlets were selected for this monthly survey. At the end of June, average retail prices for nine food items (soft drinks, bottled water, milk, bananas, ramen, canned tuna, bread, sugar and mayonnaise) remained constant in the month of June.

The cost of a 22 pound box of chicken legs increases for the fourth consecutive time since March 2019 and continues to increase by another 3.7% this month. Eggs, fresh fish, sausage, ice cream, corned beef and butter altogether with minimal percent increases of less than a percent each contribute to the rise in this month's index.

Only four food commodities decreased this month (rice, taro, pork spare ribs and turkey tails). Pork spare ribs registered the greatest month to month decrease of -3.5 percent.

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